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- Q. Who requested this Imperial Conference of July 1941?
- A. Since the problem of stationing troops in southern French Indo-China was the principal problem, it may have been the War Minister, I believe.
- Q. Do you not recall whether or not you called this meeting? You were War Minister.
- A. Actually, I think I probably requested it. However, things were decided usually at the Liaison Conferences where they were decided practically by common consent. You asked me who requested this conference and I cannot answer because usually the War Minister, the Navy Minister, Foreign Minister, and the Premier got together and agreed on a subject. Then the actual drafting of the plan was left to the three secretaries, to whom I have referred in previous interviews. The plan was then presented to the Liaison Conference from which the decision to request an Imperial Conference might come. Just now you looked very solemn when you asked me the question of who called the conference. It was called by the process I have described, but the responsibility in connection with the movement of troops into southern Indo-China was my responsibility as War Minister. It is distasteful to me to try to avoid responsibility.

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問、誰が昭和十六年七月、此ノ席前會議ノ奏請ヲ言ヒタシタノデ
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答、弗領印度支那ノ南部ニ軍隊ヲ進駐セザル問題ガ主要ト問
題ニナリシニタカラ陸軍大臣デアシタラウト思ヒマス

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答、實際ノ長タガ私ガ言ヒ出シタノダト思ヒマス。然レモ普通ニ事連
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故ナラバ並日通ノ場合陸軍大臣、海軍大臣、外務大臣及總理大臣
ガ集メツテ問題ヲ決定シタカラデアリマス。ソレカラ其ノ案ノ實際、
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ニ申上ゲタ順序デナシタラデアリマス。然レモ南部印度支那ノ
軍隊ヲ移動スルハ責任ハ陸軍大臣トシテノ私ノ責任デアリ
マス。主として責任ヲ私ニ負ハスハ私ハ不愉快ナラデス。

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